

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 3625 - SB 3630

March 11, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits each licensed healthcare facility from requiring an uninsured or underinsured patient to pay more for services rendered than 110 percent of the participating fee amount the healthcare facility would receive from Medicare if the same services were provided to a Medicare recipient.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- "Underinsured patient" means an individual less than 65 years of age who lives in a family that spends more than 10 percent of adjusted gross family income for federal income tax purposes on out-of-pocket health care costs, not including health insurance premiums.
- According to the Department of Health, any rulemaking can be accomplished during regularly scheduled Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities meetings and can be accommodated within existing budgetary resources.
- Ensuring compliance with the provisions of this bill will not result in a significant fiscal impact to the Board and can be accommodated utilizing existing resources.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-11-216, the Board is required to be self-supporting. As of June 30, 2011, the Board had a balance of \$594,768.55.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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